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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM [redacted] JEW MEE POO
[redacted] TO MR. CARVER FOR THE SULLIVAN COMMITTEE: EKH MEE LCP 25X1 DSS

QUOTE (A) I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR WORKING PAPER LIS JES
AND AFTER FURTHER STUDY WE WILL BE DEVELOPING A MISSION E
POSITION ON THE POINTS YOU RAISE. IN THE MEANTIME PLEASE
CONSIDER THIS AN INFORMAL INTERIM REPLY. REGARDING THE
DISCUSSION PART OF THE PAPER WE AGREE WITH MOST POINTS.
HOWEVER, IN CERTAIN IMPORTANT ASPECTS THE PAPER HAS
INEVITABLY BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. WHEN YOUR PAPER WAS
WRITTEN, OF COURSE, YOU DID NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE
REPORT REGARDING OUR 27 DECEMBER MEETING WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER.

(B) AS YOU KNOW IDEN ¹ A WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF 7 FEB. ALSO IDEN
²
B WILL HAVE RETURNED FROM HIS TDY IN VIETNAM. I SUGGEST
YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT

S. Phoenix

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GVN PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT DECISIONS AND GENERALLY TO DISCUSS PHUNG HOANG. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD, AS IDENS A AND B WILL EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL, THAT EVERY PROPOSAL WE HAVE MADE TO THE GVN ABOUT PHUNG HOANG HAS BEEN MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE TOTAL ANTI-VCI EFFORT AND CERTAINLY NOT AS THE PAPER SEEMS TO IMPLY TO RATIONALIZE AN EARLY CURTAILMENT OF THE ADVISORY STRUCTURE.

(C) REFERENCE YOUR CONCLUSIONS, WE DO PLAN TO MAINTAIN A REDUCED ADVISORY EFFORT AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND IN SELECTED CASES PROVINCIAL LEVELS THROUGH CY 72.

A SURVEY OF ANTI-VCI TRAINING AS YOU SUGGESTED WAS PLANNED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF YOUR WORKING PAPER AND IS IN PROGRESS.

YOUR FINAL RECOMMENDATION AS TO AN IDEAL IN-COUNTRY ADVISORY EFFORT IS NOT SO EASY TO COPE WITH CONSIDERING THE ACCELERATED PERSONNEL DRAWN-DOWN NOW IN PROGRESS. HERE AGAIN I HOPE YOU WILL CONSULT WITH IDEN A, WHO WILL REPORT TO ME UPON HIS RETURN TO SAIGON. UNQUOTE. GP-1

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